EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL GIFT SHOP TAX ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 21, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the Federal Gift Shop Tax Act, which would allow state and local governments to impose a sales tax at gift shops on federal property. These governments would be able to generate millions of dollars in new tax revenue.

When the federal government engages in activity that is not inherently governmental, such as operating a gift shop, there is no reason to exempt customer purchases from a sales tax. The items sold at federal gift shops, such as jewelry, apparel, accessories, games and books, would be subject to sales tax if sold on private property. Customers are often unaware of the exemption from sales tax at gift shops on federal property, so the introduction of a sales tax is unlikely to have a significant impact on gift shop sales. It would, however, create a valuable revenue stream for state and local governments. In addition, state and local governments often provide uncompensated services for federal property, such as fire service, and allowing them to impose a sales tax at gift shops on federal property would allow them to recoup some of these costs.

This bill is of particular importance to the District of Columbia, which is home to a number of gift shops on federal property, such as at the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE WELLINGTON-NAPOLEON LADY TIGERS STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Monday, $March\ 21$, 2022

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Class 2 State Championship won by the Wellington-Napoleon Lady Tigers basketball team. Such an achievement is the result of strong leadership and years of dedication from players and coaches alike, and it is truly an honor to recognize this exemplary group of athletes from the Fifth District of Missouri.

After falling just 7 points short of a state championship 1 year ago, the motto for the entire team all year long has been "unfinished business." This sense of drive and determination to not only return to the state championship game, but to cut down the nets this time around, was reflected in the team's dominant

season, with 28 victories and a mere two losses. Winning their last 19 games in a row, the Lady Tigers earned a reputation a one of the most fiercely competitive teams throughout the State of Missouri. Led by Head Coach Andy Hampton, the Wellington-Napoleon girls basketball team faced off against the Ellington Whippets in a rematch of last year's title game on Saturday, March 12, at the JQH Arena in Springfield, Missouri. This year, however, the Lady Tigers prevailed.

Playing exceptional defense for the duration of the game, Wellington-Napoleon kept the Whippets from scoring a single field goal throughout the third quarter while only allowing three baskets in the entire second half. The Lady Tigers' seven blocks and nine steals were backed up by outstanding offensive performances from Ayden Shannon, Bree Shannon, and Kaylin Ellensohn, who scored 46 of their team's 52 points. Fulfilling their ultimate goal for the season, the Wellington-Napoleon girls basketball team won the Class 2 State Championship in decisive fashion, with a 52-31 victory over Ellington. With the state trophy making its way home to Wellington-Napoleon, it brings me great joy in saying that hard work and dedication has paid off once again. This victory marks the first state championship this program has won, but I have no doubt that more will follow.

The Lady Tigers' tremendous success this season is just one of many achievements to come for the players and the coaching staff. One of the remarkable aspects of competitive athletics is that it opens up a wide range of opportunities in other walks of life. Some of these young women will continue their basketball careers at colleges and universities; all of them will hold and cherish memories from their time at Wellington-Napoleon, where they learned what it meant to work as a team in pursuit of a common goal. Indeed, these life lessons will only prove more valuable as time goes on. I am proud of everyone who made this season possible-from the players and their parents, to the coaches and the loyal and I look forward to seeing where life takes each of these promising student-athletes. I wish all of these young women the best of luck going forward, and once again I want to express how extraordinarily proud I am of this team and their achievements. On behalf of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, congratulations on such a successful

Madam Speaker, please join with me in celebrating the Wellington-Napoleon Lady Tigers basketball team and the State Championship they have brought home. Here's to taking care of business.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 21, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed a vote. Had I

been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 74.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNI-VERSARY OF U.S.-BANGLADESH BILATERAL RELATIONS

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 21, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the upcoming Independence and National Day of Bangladesh and the 50th Anniversary of U.S.-Bangladesh bilateral relations.

Bangladesh is a beacon in a region which has historically and even currently today been marred with conflict. Despite these challenges, Bangladesh has held firm as a democracy which is why our countries cooperate so closely on a range of issues, including economic development, security, and governance. As our countries progress and meet new challenges, our bond remains strong as evidenced by our collaboration as the world confronts the challenges of COVID-19, counter-terrorism, and more.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this remarkable milestone between our two countries and the independence and achievements of Bangladesh. Our nations have accomplished a great deal together for the advancement of freedom, and as our relationship proves its strength as we confront new challenges in the 21st century, I am excited for what the future holds for our two great nations.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the Congressional Record on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

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